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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO JORDANIAN COMMANDER IN CHIEF

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1. WHEN WE SPOKE WITH FR. FLICKINGER ON MARCH 25, WE WERE IGNORANT OF YOUNG SHIHABI'S INTEREST IN ENGINEERING. OUR INABILITY TO INDICATE WHAT ACADEMIC FIELD HE WISHED TO PURSUE CAUSED FLICKINGER TO BE UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ADMITTING SHIHABI TO SANTA CLARA IN MIDDLE OF 1977-78 ACADEMIC YEAR.

2. ON BASIS OF REFTTEL, HOWEVER, WE CONTACTED FLICKINGER ON MARCH 29 AND RAISED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH HIM AGAIN. AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSULTING WITH SANTA CLARA'S DEAN OF ENGINEERING, FLICKINGER PHONED BACK TO SAY THAT UNIVERSITY WOULD MAKE A SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN SHIHABI'S CASE AND CONSIDER HIS APPLICATION FOR MATRICULATION AT BEGINNING OF WINTER QUARTER DUE TO BEGIN JANUARY 2 OR 3, 1978. (FLICKINGER NOTED HE OWES YOU A FAVOR OR TWO FROM HELP YOU GAVE HIM DURING HIS VISIT TO JORDAN LAST SUMMER.) IN ORDER FOR HIS

APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED, YOUNG SHIHABI'S "FILE" AT SANTA CLARA SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY NOVEMBER 1 AT VERY LATEST. THIS MEANS THAT HE SHOULD MAKE EARLY ARRANGEMENTS

TO TAKE SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE (SAT) AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE (TOEFL) TESTS AND ENCLOSE A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF HIS HIGH SCHOOL RECORD, ALONG WITH LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM HIS HEADMASTER OR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, WITH HIS APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO SANTA CLARA. FLICKINGER SAYS FORMS FOR LATTER, AS WELL AS DETAILED INFORMATION ON TESTS, ETC., CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AMMAN AFME REP EMIL KORO, WHOM FLICKINGER BRIEFED THOROUGHLY ON SANTA CLARA'S ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES DURING HIS VISIT LAST SUMMER. HE ALSO REQUESTS THAT WE SUPPLY HIM WITH YOUNG SHIHABI'S FULL NAME AND RELEVANT PERSONAL DATA (AGE, ETC.) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. FYI: FLICKINGER ALSO MENTIONED IN PASSING AND WITH SOME AMUSED CONCERN THAT WE MAY BE WITNESSING A TREND TOWARD "ARABIZATION" OF SANTA CLARA UNDER HIGH-LEVEL JORDANIAN AUSPICES. WE TOLD HIM WE DIDN'T THINK THIS WAS ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. END FYI.
CHRISTOPHER

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